

Remarks:

Claims 12-27 are pending in the present application. By the present amendment, claim 12 has been amended, claims 23-27 have been added, and claims 1-11 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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